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SUBJ: KENYAN OWNED VEHICLES RETURNED BY TANZANIA

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1. KENYAN-OWNED VEHICLES WHICH WERE IMPOUNDED IN TANZANIA AFTER CLOSING OF COMMON BORDER BY TANZANIA IN FEBRUARY, 1977 HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN RELEASED FOR RETURN TO KENYA. ACCORDING TO NAIROBI-BASED TOUR OPERATORS WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN, MANY OF THESE VEHICLES WERE TURNED OVER AT BORDER JUNE 18 AND JUNE 19. WHILE THEIR CONDITION REMAINS TO BE DETERMINED, TOUR OPERATORS REPORT THAT MOST VEHICLES WERE DRIVEN TO BORDER POINT WITH TANZANIAN PROVIDED BATTERIES WHICH WERE REMOVED BEFORE DELIVERY. FACT THAT THEY COULD BE DRIVEN AT ALL AFTER 15 MONTHS WAS SURPRISE TO TOUR OPERATORS.

2. ACCORDING TO GEOFFREY KARIITHI, PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, ENGINEERS HAVE DEPARTED FOR TANZANIA TO ASCERTAIN FLIGHT WORTHINESS OF APPROXIMATELY 30 KENYAN AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE SEIMILARLY IMPOUNDED BY GOT. LOCAL PILOTS AND TOUR OPERATORS ARE FAR LESS SANGUINE, HOWEVER,
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THAT AIRCRAFT WILL BE SALVAGEABLE AFTER 15 MONTHS WITHOUT PROPER MAINTENANCE.

3. COMMENT: KENYA AND TANZANIA HAVE NOW IMPLEMENTED WHAT ARE IN FACT EASIEST OF "AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS" FOR IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH WERE DRAWN UP AT MOMBASA MEETING IN DECEMBER, 1977. NEITHER SIDE

HAD ANYTHING SUBSTANTIAL TO LOSE BY RETURNING IMPOUNDED
PROPERTY TO THE OTHER. FAR MORE INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS OF
ORGANIZING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TRADE AND CIVIL RELATIONSHIPS
REMAIN TO BE SOLVED. GOK BELIEVES THAT REOPENING OF
BORDER IS SOMETHING ONLY TANZANIA CAN BRING ABOUT, SINCE
CLOSING OF BORDER WAS UNILATERAL TANZANIAN DECISION. WHILE
STEPS TAKEN THUS FAR ARE RECOGNIZED AS POSITIVE THERE IS NO
EUPHORIA IN NAIROBI ABOUT AN IMMINENT MAJOR BREAK THROUGH ON
RELATIONS WITH TANZANIA. KENYAN LEADERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE
SPOKEN DO NOT BELIEVE NYERERE WILL REOPEN BORDER ON BASIS OF
PROGRESS ACHIEVED THUS FAR.

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